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C. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In order to better assist the Examiner with the prosecution of the case, the current pending claims have been included in their entirety for which reconsideration is requested. Claims 8 and 22 are currently amended to correct informalities pointed at by Examiner. Claim 1 is currently amended as suggested by Examiner during Examiner's interview to further clarify that the stored captured image is of the multimedia object. No new matter has been added, and the amended claims are fully supported by the specification.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for displaying, at a client, transient messages received over a network, the method comprising:
capturing, independently of a user action, at different times, a plurality of separate screen images of a plurality of different multimedia objects each containing at least one transient message rendered on a display at the client;
storing each captured screen image of the multimedia object, in a chronological list; and
displaying the chronological list with control buttons for enabling a subsequent rendering of the stored screen captured images in at least one of a forward and backward succession, at a user configurable rate, in response to a user selection of one of the displayed control buttons, wherein the displayed control buttons are independent of any playback control displayed in conjunction with initially rendering a given multimedia object from which the screen images were captured.
2. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein the control buttons control rendering the stored screen captured images by at least one of a forward succession through the list or a backward succession through the list.

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4. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein a rate in which the succession of captured screen images are subsequently rendered is a user configurable rate.
 5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the different times are determined by a configurable periodic interval.
 6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 5 wherein the configurable periodic interval occurs for a configurable duration of time.
 7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the different times are determined by a change in content.
 8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 7 wherein the change in content is determined by utilizing a ~~DOM model~~ document object model of the displayed page to determine the change of content as a triggering event to capture the screen image.
 9. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A method for displaying, at a client, at least one transient message received over a network, the method comprising:
determining a change in content of at least one displayed page received over a network wherein at least one of the at least one displayed pages contains at least one transient message;
capturing, independently of a user action, a screen image of each displayed page when it is determined that there is a change in content;
storing each captured screen image in a chronological list; and
displaying the chronological list with control buttons for enabling a subsequent rendering of the stored screen capture images in at least one of a forward and backward succession,
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at a user configurable rate, in response to a user selection of one of the displayed control buttons, wherein the displayed control buttons are independent of any playback control displayed in conjunction with the displayed page from which the screen images were captured.

10. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The method of claim 9 wherein the determining step further comprises utilizing a document object model of the displayed page to determine the change of content as a triggering event to capture the screen image.

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18. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A computer system having a display for displaying transient messages received over a network, the computer system comprising:
means for capturing, independently of a user action, at different times, a plurality of separate screen images of a plurality of different multimedia objects each containing at least one transient message rendered on the display;

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a storage area having each captured screen image in a chronological list; and means for displaying the chronological list with control buttons for enabling a subsequent rendering of the stored screen captured images in at least one of a forward and backward succession, at a user configurable rate, in response to a user selection of one of the displayed control buttons, wherein the displayed control buttons are independent of any playback control displayed in conjunction with initially rendering a given multimedia object from which the screen images were captured.

19. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 18 wherein the different times are determined by a configurable periodic interval.

20. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 18 wherein the configurable periodic interval occurs for a configurable duration of time.

21. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 18 wherein the different times are determined by a change in content.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 21 wherein the change in content is determined by utilizing a ~~DOM model~~ document object model of the displayed page to determine the change of content as a triggering event to capture the screen image.

23. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A computer system having a display for displaying at least one transient message received over a network, the system comprising:
means for determining a change in content of at least one displayed page received over a network wherein at least one of the at least one displayed pages contains at least one transient message;
means for capturing, independently of a user action, a screen image of each displayed page when it is determined that there is a change in content;

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a storage area having each captured screen image in a chronological list; and means for displaying the chronological list with control buttons for enabling a subsequent rendering of the stored screen capture images in at least one of a forward and backward succession, at a user configurable rate, in response to a user selection of one of the displayed control buttons, wherein the displayed control buttons are independent of any playback control displayed in conjunction with the displayed page from which the screen images were captured.

24. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 23 wherein the means for determining further comprises means for utilizing a document object model of the displayed page to determine the change of content as a triggering event to capture the screen image.

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27. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The system of claim 23 wherein the means for enabling a subsequent rendering further comprises means for redisplaying a sequence of each saved image at a rate predetermined by the user.

28. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A computer program, on a computer usable medium, having computer readable program code means for enabling a display of transient messages received over a network, the computer program comprising: means for enabling a capture, independently of a user action, at different times, a plurality of separate screen images of a plurality of different multimedia objects each containing at least one transient message rendered on a display at a client; means for storing each captured screen image in a chronological list; and

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means for displaying the chronological list with control buttons for enabling a subsequent rendering of the stored screen captured images in at least one of a forward and backward succession, at a user configurable rate, in response to a user selection of one of the displayed control buttons, wherein the displayed control buttons are independent of any playback control displayed in conjunction with initially rendering a given multimedia object from which the screen images were captured.

29. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A computer program, on a computer usable medium, having computer readable program code means for enabling a display of at least one transient message received over a network, the system comprising:

means for determining a change in content of at least one displayed page received over a network wherein at least one of the at least one displayed pages contains at least one transient message;

means for enabling a capture, independently of a user action, of a screen image of each displayed page when it is determined that there is a change in content;

means for storing each captured screen image in a chronological list; and

means for displaying the chronological list with control buttons for enabling a subsequent rendering of the stored screen capture images in at least one of a forward and backward succession, at a user configurable rate, in response to a user selection of one of the displayed control buttons, wherein the displayed control buttons are independent of any playback control displayed in conjunction with the displayed page from which the screen images were captured.

30. (ORIGINAL) The computer program of claim 29 wherein the means for determining further comprises means for utilizing a document object model of the displayed page to determine the change of content as a triggering event to capture the screen image.

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33. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A method for redisplaying, at a client, transient messages displayed by a browser, the method comprising:
capturing, independently of a user action, at different times, at least two screen images having a different transient message;
storing each captured screen image in a chronological list; and
displaying the chronological list with control buttons for enabling a subsequent rendering of the stored screen captured images in at least one of a forward and backward succession, at a user configurable rate, in response to a user selection of one of the displayed control buttons, wherein the displayed control buttons are independent of any playback control displayed in conjunction with initially rendering a given transient message from which the screen images were captured.

34. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A computer system having a display for redisplaying transient messages displayed by a browser, the computer system comprising:
means for capturing, independently of a user action, at different times, at least two screen images having different transient messages;
a storage area having each captured screen image in a chronological list; and
means for displaying the chronological list with control buttons for enabling a subsequent rendering of the stored screen captured images in at least one of a forward and backward succession, at a user configurable rate, in response to a user selection of one of the displayed control buttons, wherein the displayed control buttons are independent of any playback control displayed in conjunction with initially rendering the transient message from which the screen images were captured.

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35. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A computer program, on a computer usable medium, having computer readable program code means for enabling a redisplay of transient messages displayed by a browser, the computer program comprising:
means for enabling a capture, independently of a user action, at different times, of at least two screen images having different transient messages rendered on a display at a client;
means for storing each captured screen image in a chronological list; and
means for displaying the chronological list with control buttons for enabling a subsequent rendering of the stored screen captured images in at least one of a forward and backward succession, at a user configurable rate, in response to a user selection of one of the displayed control buttons, wherein the displayed control buttons are independent of any playback control displayed in conjunction with initially rendering a given transient message from which the screen images were captured.

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